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## THE HIGH COST OF HIGH PRESSURE

### Check and Reduce Your Water Pressure for Optimal Irrigation Efficiency



*High pressure can cause misting, reducing the amount of water delivered to your plants.*

Is the water pressure in your landscape too high? Water pressure from the City's water main often must be reduced on your property to properly run your irrigation system. Too much pressure can make sprinklers work inefficiently and cause misting, reduced water coverage, dry spots in your landscape, and lead to early failure of valves and pipes. To measure the water pressure coming into your irrigation system, simply attach a pressure gauge directly to the hose bib that is closest to your water meter; pressure gauges can be found at your local hardware store. If your system pressure is more than 15 PSI (pounds per square inch) over the recommended irrigation operating pressure, you should consider reducing it.

There are two ways to reduce the water pressure to your irrigation system. The first way is to install a single mainline pressure regulator for the whole irrigation system. Typically, this is

installed on the irrigation system mainline just after it branches off from your home's main water line, which runs from the City's water meter to your home. Installing a pressure regulator will reduce pressure in the whole system at once, allowing the irrigation system to run at top efficiency and require less repairs.

The second way to reduce water pressure is to use pressure-reducing valves or 'inline pressure regulators' for each watering zone. These allow

you to set each zone to a different pressure, which can be beneficial if you have different types of irrigation in your landscape. For example, spray heads can be adjusted to a lower pressure to reduce misting, while rotor valves can be set to a higher pressure to achieve a greater watering radius. Keep in mind that drip zones sometimes already have a pressure-reducing filter or inline regulator installed.

Cost and ease of installation are considerations to both options. While pressure regulation affects the efficiency of your system, it is just one part of maintaining a water wise irrigation system. The City's Smart Landscape Rebate may cover pressure regulators, drip conversion, mulch and more. Call the Water Conservation Hotline at 564-5460 to schedule a pre-inspection to see if you are eligible for efficiency incentives. For more information visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates).

## SEMI-ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY ADVISORY GROUPS



*Apply now to serve on one of the City's Advisory Groups.*

The City is seeking individuals to serve on the various City Advisory Groups! If you are an individual interested in making a difference in your community, contributing ideas, and being a part of the City team, you are strongly encouraged to apply.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. City Council will conduct interviews on May 17, May 24, and June 14. All applicants must attend one of the interview dates in order to be eligible for appointment to a City Advisory Group. Council will make appointments on June 28.

For additional information, including a list of the current vacancies and an on-line application, visit the City's website at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Applications](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Applications).

## PERMEABLE PAVERS COMING TO N. QUARANTINA STREET



Construction will begin in early April for a storm water infiltration project in the 700 & 800 blocks of N. Quarantina Street. The existing sidewalks and roadway will be replaced with permeable

pavers, which allow storm water and urban runoff to soak into the ground below the pavers rather than running offsite. This prevents pollution from washing into storm drains, which flow into our creeks and ocean untreated. Learn more at [SBCreeks.com](http://SBCreeks.com).

**You're Invited!** Find out how the Library is transforming into a dynamic learning center.



**STATE OF THE LIBRARY  
– PRESENTATION –**  
Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

[SBPLibrary.org](http://SBPLibrary.org)

564-5641



## E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 22 – 23

Boasting more than 150 tons of electronics collected annually, the City's biannual e-waste drop-off event is one of the largest in California. We encourage all area residents and businesses to join us and properly dispose of their e-waste for free.

What qualifies for e-waste collection? The rule of thumb is that if it runs on batteries or a power cord, we can take it off your hands.

### Most common items:

- Computers and laptops
- Components & accessories (CPU, monitor, keyboard, mice, cables, external hard drives, etc.)
- Printers
- Plugs & Cords
- TV's of any kind (CRT, plasma, LCD, etc.)
- VCR's & DVD players
- Stereos & accessories (speakers, cables)
- Microwave ovens
- Phones (mobile phones with batteries removed; landline phones)

No large appliances, refrigerators, ovens, fluorescent bulbs, printer cartridges, smoke detectors, batteries, or media (VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs, etc.).

**FREE  
E-WASTE**   
Recycling Drop-Off

Fri. & Sat., April 22nd & 23rd, 8:30am - 4pm  
Sears Parking Lot at La Cumbre Plaza (3845 State St.)



City Trash & Recycling



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Rain Shut-off  
Sensors Available**

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sprinklers  
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**2016 Annual  
Santa Barbara Harbor  
Nautical Swap Meet**

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A treasure trove  
of nautical rigging,  
tackle & gear  
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**Saturday, May 14th  
8 am - 12 pm  
Free admission**



Harbor Main parking lot near Marina 3. Swap meet sponsored by the Santa Barbara Harbor Merchants Association. Space registration begins April 11th.  
[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SwapMeet](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SwapMeet)